did not materalise. Kulitturai station was opened for goods booking but was closed w.e.f. 1-1-85 due to meagre earnings from goods traffic offered at this station.

(c) The Railways propose to use these goods sheds as Departmental godowns, till such time offering of goods traffic justifies opening of stations for goods booking.

Reclassification of the Artisan staff

2438. SHRI YELLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that agreements were reached in the reclassification Committee meeting held in June and July 1984 for reclassification of the artisan staff which included Lifters, Chippers, moulders, greaser/oiler, grinders hand crane operators etc.;

(b) whether orders have since been issued on the basis of the above agreement; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The Joint Committee of Labour and Administration, set up by the Railway Board for resolving the residual work of Railway Workers' Classification Tribunal 1986 in regard to reclassification of Unskilled, Semi-Skilled and skilled artisan staff, in the meeting held on 1st & 2nd June, 1984 made various recommendations including the recommendation regarding reclassification of the following 8 Semi-Skilled Grade (Rs. 210-290) to skilled Grade (Rs. 260-400).

(1) Chipper-Moulder (Printing Press)

(2) Grinder (Rough)

(3) Lifter

(4) Sawyer-Wood (Hand)

(5) Greaser (Oiler)

(6) Hand Crane Operator

(7) White-Washer (Brush Hand)

(8) Hand Press Operator.

After detailed discussions on these recommendations the Department of Railways (Railway Board) came to the conclusion that the reclassification of the semi-skilled trades mentioned above would have repercussions in the other Departments of the Central Govenrment, where similar categories exist, and hence decided that the proposal for this reclassification should be deferred (pending these consultations), whilst the other recommendations were processed for sanction.

Seminar on vocationalization of education

2439. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a seminar was organised by the Indian Institute of Applied Manpower Research on vocationalization of education at the secondary and higher secondary level in which it was suggested that vocational education programme should be centrally-sponsored in order to relate employment opportunities with vocational training and financial needs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the seminar has also recommended that vocationalization should begin at the level of Class VIII and it should be flexible to enable horizontal and vertical mobility; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and the steps proposed to be taken to vocationaiize education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) and (b) The Indian Institute of Applied Manpower Re-